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To: HarborComments <HarborComments@epa.gov>
Subject: Reject changes to Proposed Portland Harbor Superfund Site Cleanup Plan

Dear EPA at Portland Harbor Superfund Site,

I have worked on both sides of the Willamette River since coming to Portland in 1976 from the Ross Island Bridge to the Portland shipyards. During that time I have personally seen companies contribute to the pollution of the River even though the same areas were on the superfund clean up agenda. Any reduction of clean up area is unacceptable to me and those that previously passed the legislation to stop this pollution. Many years have passed since then and the current administration in Washington seems to be content to undermine the original intent of the clean up laws. I further say that capping the pollution with a layer over the top is not acceptable. The pollution must be cleaned up properly and where possible, the cost of the cleanup should be charged to those responsible for their contribution to that pollution. I realize that that is no longer possible due to the passage of time and that many of the original polluters are no longer in business. Had the cleanup happened shortly after the laws were passed, many of those responsible would still be in business and could pay their fare share. Clean it up now! Clean it all up now! Do not let the polluting companies off of the hook! Do not wait for more compliant business friendly politicians to further weaken the intent of this legislation proposed many many years ago.

Respectfully submitted,
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Your plan to reduce cleanup based on a new review of the cancer risk of benzo(a)pyrene does not measure up to the standard that we deserve to protect the river and its users. These findings do not change the fact that benzo(a)pyrene exists in our river and is a known carcinogen, nor does it take into account the threat it poses to other aspects of heart, respiratory, and reproductive health.

What your plan does is limit important cleanup efforts based on a scheduled toxicity review of a chemical that was already flagged as dangerous and in need of cleaning. This change would only benefit polluters who are responsible for that cleanup cost in the first place, showing a priority for industry profits over public need. The proposed plan also does not account for the chemical's other dangers, especially when interacting with the many contaminants within the Portland Harbor, including other PAHs, PCBs, dioxins, and more.

The community surrounding the Portland Harbor have dedicated time, effort, and resources for a cleanup plan that will restore the river to safe levels. It should not be expected to compromise its health and the health of the river, not for \$35 million and 17 acres of reduced effort. Maintain the plan outlined in the 2017 Record of Decision and abide by the timeline for revisions that are established in the Superfund cleanup process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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